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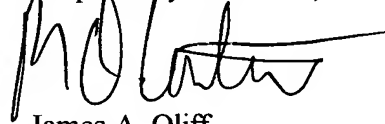
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- ☒ 2. This IDS submits (i) copies of the references of record on the face of U.S. Patent No. 5,704,720, and (ii) JP-U-63-53922 (hereafter JP-922) and an English-language translation thereof. JP-922 was cited in an Opposition against the corresponding Japanese patent of U.S. Patent No. 5,704,720.

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